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OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES, DIStrict of Columbia, Washington, Nov. 29, 1905.—
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notice that the undersigned has received the statement of assessment of realty taxes for the District
of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1906,
and will be ready to receive payment of taxes at
this office on and after this date. The act of Congress approved February 14, 1902, provides, "that
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A West End house agent quoted the case of so-called "cancer houses." "I bought a house myself some years ago," he said, "and then learned from a neighbor that the previous tenant had died from malignant cancer. Risk or no risk, I got rid of it at the earliest possible moment. If such was my own feeling, I cannot blame the public

try-Professor Kittredge of Harvard, George Hempel of the University of Michigan, Professor Manly of Chicago Univer-sity and Professor Lounsbury of Yale, Most of them had opinions and some made

guesses, but actual knowledge was scarce and unsatisfactory. Horace G. Wadlin, librarian of the public library of Boston, made this citation:
Webster's International Dictionary, tion of 1904, p. 1919, under BBL., in "Abbreviations and contractions used in writing and printing," says: "The initial letter of a word is sometimes doubled, as in this instance, to signify the plural. See MM.,

On that statement one might say that it equally stands for "Burnsby," for "bbl." is the contration for barrel, not barrels, the contraction for the latter being "bbls.," and Mr. Wadlin failed to find any account and Mr. Wadlin failed to find any account in various encyclopedias, though he d's-covered that English dictionaries printed in England used "bar" for barrel. Professor England used "bar" for barrel. Professo Lounsbury of Yale conjectured that "bbl." was used to distinguish the barrel from the bushel, but he "knew of no evidence for The fact that the English dictionaries use a different contraction shows that "bbl." is not universal in the language, and leaves its authority and the reason for it in doubt. A communication on the subject sent to London Notes and Queries may bring forth light.

The Consoler. From the Philadelphia Ledger,

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DISCUSSION ON TEA DRINKING. View of Experts Accords With the

From the New York Herald. The discussion on the use of tea growing out of Mr. Larkin's vituperous challenge of certain facts which recently appeared in the Herald and the resultant loss of his presumably valuable patronage of our advertising columns have proved in the end nteresting and profitable in a variety of ways. From the smallest beginnings it has gaging the attention of scientific and medtude of counselors there is proportionate wisdom some very practical facts have been adduced which otherwise would not have been so exhaustively presented to the

The consensus of opinion among the experts who have thus far favored us with their views fully accords with the common sense views of the millions of tea drinkers throughout the world. Like every other beverage, it has been

shown that tea when used in moderation is beneficial, but when abused is propertionately harmful. To certain individuals of extremely nervous temperament it is, as a rule, always detrimental, increasing irritability, provoking wakefulness, disturbing digestion, causing headache and inducing lassitude. But this, fortunately BOWIE, SYDNEY J. Ala......Stoneleigh Court for the tea lovers, is not the rule.

BROOKS, FRANKLIN E., Coi........1748 P st. affected individual has only himself blame it after all his experience of for the tea lovers, is not the rule. The affected individual has only himself to blame it, after all his experience of the discomforts named, he persists in the habit. The degree of pleasurable tolerance is

also measured by the susceptibility to effacts in each individual. The sensible person adapts himself according to his inlividual gauge and becomes a law unto himself as to the extent of his indulgence These propositions apply to all teas of all qualities and fix a general rule for their

There is no doubt of the fact that tea drinking has become a fixed habit among all civilized nations, and it is equally evi-dent that the habit is increasing in these strenuous times of strained endeavor. It is comforting, however, in such connec tion to believe that pure tea used in mod-eration is, on the whole, beneficial rather than otherwise. Thus employed, it moderates unnecessary tire, relieves nervous ex-

vised this course, and his practice being among the English aristocracy he is largely credited with fixing the fashion of the day. He maintained that in no other way could the greatest benefits of pleasurable stimulation be obtained and the digestion be kept in good condition. Thus the midafternoon tea, with its accompanying sandwich, has a scientific as well as palatable reason for its popularity. The mode of proparation of the tea is also a very important consideration. It has been demonstrated by the Herald interviews that only the volatile constituents of the leaf possess the requisite exhibitanting properties, while certain other contracted materials, notably tannic acid. extracted materials, notably tannic acid, are markedly unhealthrul. Fortunately the former desirable products can be easily obtained by the simple method of infusion, which leaves the deleterious matters behind. This is the method of the oldest tea drinking nations. The Chinese, Russians and Japanese merely pour the hot water on the few leaves in the cup, sip deliberately and appetizingly the aromatic solution, and then throw away the dregs for a fresh supply. In England, America and France the perforated tea ball an-

swers a like purpose.

To boil the leaves, especially those of the cheaper grade, is the surest way not only to destroy the coveted flavor of the beverage, but also thereby to extract all the objectionable products of the compound. It is agreed by all unprejudiced tea users that the inferior grades of leaf contain, as a rule, a disproportionate amount of dele-terious products as compared with the flaargument in favor of preparation by in-fusion. The aim, then, should be to get the most of good from the poor leaf and the least of harm from the higher grade. voring principles, which is the strongest

Garrick's Tomb.

From the London Chronicle. David Garrick is not the only actor whose tomb in the Abbey forms a precedent for the burial there of our latest great Shakesperean actor. Betterton also lies there, as well as Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Bracegirdle, Mrs. Cibber and Henderson. It is to be hoped that Sir Henry's monument will be in better taste than that of Garrick, the "affected attitude" of whose figure is condemned by Lamb. "Though I would not go so far with some good Catholics abroad as to shut players altogether out of consecrated ground." he says, "yet I own I was not a little scandalized at the introduction of theatrical airs and gestures into a place set apart to remind us of the saddest realities. Going nearer, I found in-scribed under this harlequin figure a far-rago of false thoughts and nonsense." A visit to one of our modern cemeteries does not encourage us as to our progress in this sort of taste since Lamb's time.

When David Garrick was buried in West-minster Abbey on February 1, 1779, the neighboring streets were crowded, and the carriages of the mourners extended all the way from the Strand to the Abbey. The bishop of Rochester received the cortege, and several lords were among the pallbear-ers. Burke, Johnson and Fox gathered with the other mourners at No. 5 Adelphi terthe other mourners at No. 5 Adelphi terrace, where the body lay. Forty-three years later, on October 16, 1822, Garrick's wife, then ninety-eight years of age, was laid to rest by his side at the foot of Shakespeare's statue.

The "Gospel of Flannel."

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BOARD READS HISTORY

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PREPARING FOR CENTENNIAL.

Foster Bill Discussed and Proposed Re-

organization Criticised-Changes in the Corps of Teachers.

Papers relative to the history of the public schools, giving the progress of education in the various departments since the establishment of the first District school, 100 years ago, were read last night at the weekly meeting of the board of education. The histories have been compiled as part of the annual reports of directors and supervisors of divisions, and will be incorporated in the superintendent's annual re-

The origin of the system, its purpose to provide education for those only who could not pay any tuition expenses, its means of support, are indicated by the following statement given out by the secretary of the board:
"In 1804, by an amendment to the charter Common Sense Opinion of the Masses.

government of the city of Washington, pro-vision was made 'for the establishment and superintendence of schools.' On the 5th of December of the same year the city coun-cil passed an act 'to establish and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington,' which provided for a board of thirteen trustees, seven to be elected by the joint ballots of the two chambers of the council and six to be chosen by individuals contributing to the promotion of the schools as provided for in said act. For the support of the schools the act appropriated so much of the net proceeds of the taxes on slaves and dogs, and licenses for carriages and hacks ordinaries and taverns retailing wines and spirituous liquors, billiard tables, theatri-cal and other amusements, hawkers and peddlers, as the trustees might decide to be necessary for the education of the poor of the city, not to exceed the sum of \$1,500 per annum. The act also provided for the appointment of a select committee of three councilmen, whose duty it should be to solicit or provide for soliciting, both at home and abroad, contributions in money or lots for the benefit of the schools. One of the largest contributions was that of \$200, made by Thomas Jefferson.

Thomas Jefferson a Trustee.

"The first board of trustees consisted of Thomas Jefferson; Thomas Monroe, Gabriel Duvall, Thomas Tingey, Joseph Brombey, John Tayloe, Robert Brent, William Brent, Samuel H. Smith, William Cranch, George Blagden, John Dempsie and Nicholas King.

"They met in the Supreme Court room United States Capitol, August 5, 1805, and were called to order by Robert Brent. Thomas Jefferson, then President of the United States, was elected president of the board, and accepted the office in a letter dated Monticello, August 14, 1805, but was prevented from ever discharging its duties by 'others of paramount obligation.' A western school and an eastern school were established, and the first teacher to com-mence work, January. 1806, was Richard White, principal teacher of the western whose salary was to be \$500 per annum. "On October 27, 1806, the board author-

ized the erection of the first two school-houses, to be located on lots owned by the United States, the use of which for this purpose had been granted by President Jefferson. These schoolhouses might have been modeled after Noah's ark, for we are told that they were built of wood, one story high, fifty feet long, twenty feet wide, and cost, together, \$1.589.41. At the beginning of the school year 1905-06 the District of Columbia owned 148 school buildings, the cost of which aggregates over \$5,500,000."

A letter from A. S. Getterman, chairman of the volunteer committee on free lectures dressed to Mr. Wm. W. Connor, secretar of the board, sugests that the first annual report of the committee be included in the report of the board of education to the Commissioners of the District. A corrected copy of the report was included, the corrections indicating that certain lecturers had refused compensation.

had refused compensation. Discussed Foster Bill.

In view of the fact that a schedule of salaries for the officials and teachers of the public schools has been in preparation by the superintendent during the past summer, which schedule will be presented in a bill to Congress and transmitted to the Commissioners within a few days, the Foster bill, reorganizing the public school system was, it is said, the cause of considerable discussion. It is reported that the board, while granting a permanent schedule with the desired increase to be necessary, maintains reorganization of the system to be uncalled for. The report of the Commis-sioners, as stated yesterday in The Star, sioners, as stated yesterday in The Star, states that "A better scale of salaries, particularly in the higher grades and principalships, would induce more of our own graduates to choose the profession of teaching," and prevent "the outflow of seasoned teachers." The bill being prepared by the beart are of salaries.

board provides for this increase of salaries, but makes no change in the organization. Changes of Teachers.

The board ordered the following changes in the teaching corps: Promotions-Blanche uss, \$525 to \$550; F. R. Balley, \$500 to \$525; B. M. Mahoney, \$525 to \$550; G. M. hany, Ad. \$500 to \$525. Appointments-Mary B. Ruchards, Annie B. Davidson, Hazel Haines, Margaret Scudder, for the grades, and A. D. Stivus, substitute teacher in mathematics and physics at the McKinley Manual Training

School.

Leaves of absence—Extension of three months to M. G. Sylvester, M. K. Bryan, Catharine Robinson.

The question of abolishing trips of high school athletic teams was not taken up last night. The matter probably will be considered at the next meeting of the board on December 13. on December 13.

An Appeal for English.

From th New York Mail. In the Boston subway signs marked "Exit" have lately been taken down, to be replaced with others upon which the Saxon word "Out" is plainly inscribed. A Boston paper remarks that it has evidently been discovered that not all the people in that erudite city understand Latin. We should say, however, that the substitution indicates a growth in the public intelligence rather than a decline. There is no reason whatever in common sense why the people should be told that a certain door offers them the way to make their exit, rather than a place at which they may go out. We believe that the sensible practice of marking women's waiting rooms at railroad stations "Women," instead of "Ladies," and the men's similar apartments "Men," instead of "Gentlemen," originated with a

In the process of the purification of the In the process of the purification of the English language, as used in America, from unnecessary and intrusive foreign elements, it is quite possible that the abounding foreign population of our great cities is exercising a certain helpful influence. Why? Because the foreigner who is required to learn English here doubtless feels it an imposition that he should be made to learn another language, and begins to balk at too much Latin and French. As an example, it is a fact that the Latin races themselves It is a fact that the Latin races themselves no longer use the word "exit" as we, in our affectation of Latinity employ it, but use

Boston railroad.